

## THEY HAD A JOLLY TIME

THE "BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH"  
WERE ENTERTAINED.Mr. Thomas G. Leath Tendered His Brethren  
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Imagine fifty men clasping hands and singing, "Auld Lang Syne" at midnight, and you have a fair idea of the ending of a social session of the Elks.

One of those unique and most pleasant occasions took place last Friday evening at Morgenstern's, on Broad, near Fourth street. In rear of the restaurant the "best people on earth" met as the guests of Mr. Thomas G. Leath, and for three hours wit, merriment and the best of good feeling bubbled forth like an un-corked Apollinaris bottle.

Mr. Leath, besides looking after matinee tickets and bill boards, is a rampant Elk, and, enthused by recent political successes (and with an ardent desire to do right) invited his brothers to the spread. Now the supper was in a room that was unique. There is no wall papering or decorations of that kind, but the walls, ceiling and all available spots have been covered by lithographs of theatrical attractions.

Maria Waverlight in a "Twelfth Night" costume embellishes the wall side by side with Louis Morrison in a "Pearl of the South Sea." Dear and lamented Kate Castleton is next to a lithograph of "Alone in London," while on the ceiling, "Lost in London," gets jumbled up with the "County Fair," and a "Bunch of Keys" is required before "Evangeline" is able to have "A Breezy Time."

Lots of labor has been expended upon the room, and it never failed to attract universal admiration from the theatrical clientele.

There was a meeting of the Elks before the supper at their club-rooms, consequently it was nearly 10 o'clock before they came into the dining hall.

After the most fraternal greeting, everybody took seats, and Mr. John T. Brady, of Portsmouth, was selected as dictator of the session.

It is not until after the battle of knives and forks descended into the irregularity of a skirmish fire that the fun begins. Thus to explain the following notes I will state that the dictator, Mr. Brady, had absolute power in the premises, and had the assistance of two able-bodied men to bring alleged "culprits" to justice.

Imagine Brady to be a jolly-looking Irishman, with a frank, open face, sitting at the head of the table, with twenty feet long. Imagine fifty men seated about the room smoking and sipping beer. Imagine an orchestra in the corner. Imagine well-known business men acting as waiters, and two two-hundred-pound citizens with drawn swords that must have done service in the revolution standing on either side of Brady. Imagine all this and you have a clear, lucid and succinct idea of how the tout ensemble would have struck you.

The fun began. The Dictator: "Brothers, we will first be favored by the orchestra rendering a few choice notes. Let the beer come quietly, and then, before commencing Professor Stein is fined 20 cents for wearing a diamond."

Orchestra plays a lively, burrah sort of a tune, giving the trombone and cornet full opportunities.

During the time my guide explains that all fines collected pay the expenses of the social session, and that the dictator has full power to fine any and every member as often as he chooses.

Orchestra stops playing and Mr. Preston Belvin is fined 20 cents for laughing at one of Harry Smith's jokes. Monty Walker, whom we all know and sympathize with, is next called upon, and, gracefully hobbling to the piano, Professor Thillow plays the accompaniment and Monty renders in an excellent manner "The Bridge." It's that song about several types of citizens going over the bridges at midnight. It was sung well, liberally applauded, and as an encore the lame boy sang "The Known Alone to Me."

The Dictator: Mr. E. Duesberry is fined thirty cents for being bald, and ten cents more for being out at this hour of the evening.

Mr. Joseph W. Laube then made a happy speech, in which he expressed his pleasure at being present, his sorrow for the absent members, his hope for future success, and during his effort used the word "assimilate." When he started out he was awarded by cries of "Rats," "Shut up," and other polite and courteous expressions, and for the pleasure, sorrow, hope and the word "assimilate" he was fined fifty cents.

One of the brethren next sang without an accompaniment a rollicksome Irish song, and was immediately fined thirty cents for reflecting on the dictator's nationality.

Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., was called upon for speech, and immediately proceeded to "wipe up the floor" with the dictator. He gave that individual to understand that in this free land of liberty, where the eagle soars and soars, that just because a man like the dictator had come from Portsmouth he could trample on the rights of free Americans and set himself up to be a little bit of a god like Thomas E. Reed, of Maine. Mr. Smith was fined \$1.

A well-known physician next entertained the company with amusing ventriloquism, and was fined twenty cents for being hoarse.

Members, Leffler and Stein were fined twenty cents for spilling beer on each other, after which Mr. Jordan, who is the advance agent of "A Prodigal Father," did a cornet solo with piano accompaniment. He does not use the cornet, but merely by the puckering of his lips creates a sound exactly similar to the soft notes of a cornet.

A well-known Main-street merchant was then fined forty cents for singing "Comrades," a prominent Broad-street merchant handed fifty cents to the clerk for refusing to sing, the director fined himself \$1 for drinking water. Monty Wise could thirty cents for eating the whole bowl of celery. Archie Burr was fined twenty cents for being too slow in handing around the cigars, and one by one Mr. J. H. Chatterbox, who was acting as clerk, gathered them in.

Captain Frank W. Cunningham sang splendidly, but was fined for coming in late, and Captain J. B. Angle paid thirty cents for leaving before midnight.

When the waltzing hour of midnight arrived hands were clasped, the old Scotch melody was sung, three cheers given to Tom Leath, the beer committee were thanked, and the social session, at which there had been an "ocean of fun," came to an end.

## JUSTICE JOHN'S COURT.

The Election Cases Heard—A Long Saturday Docket Before His Honor.

Mary Tierney was made to give security in \$10 for six months for drunkenness and profanity in the street.

James Ray was drunk and raised a disturbance, and threatened to kill Theresa Howard. He was fined \$10 and made to give security in \$10 for six months.

William Lewis (colored) and Douglas Cullingsworth each gave up \$2 for drunkenness.

The United States deputy marshals and supervisors who were arrested on election day in the Second precinct of Jack-sonville for intrusion and interference with voters were before the Police Justice yesterday morning.

They were George W. Duesberry, Jr., E. Y. Rowe, Miles M. Williams, M. L. O'Brien and Clinton D. Priest.

Justice Crutchfield discharged all five of them, mentioning that if the authorities wished them again they would go before the grand jury.

Mike Fernandez was hauled up for beating Eugene Belanger.

Belanger showed up with a beautiful black eye. It seems that they had a

few of draw poker, and the "ante" was five cents.

Presently they dropped into Jack-pots, and a dispute began between them. Belanger wanted to quit the room, when Fernandez struck him.

A friend of Fernandez held the door, but Belanger escaped, and coming down the steps hit Fernandez.

This little pastime cost Mr. Fernandez one \$10 bill.

Arthur Morris and John Hill were charged with shooting at Claude Harris with a gun in the street.

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These boys had a row a week ago in Baker street, near St. Paul street. Morris owned up to firing at Harris, but says there was nothing in the gun but powder, and this was proved to be true.

Several witnesses declared Harris did not have a pistol.

It cost Morris \$5 for firing a gun in the street. The others were discharged.

Robert Brown (colored) was charged with assaulting Humphrey Young, and Young (also colored) was charged with striking Brown with a flat-iron.

This grew out of a family row, and Brown was discharged. Young was sent to the grand jury.

Brown's head had not been sewed up, so the ambulance was sent for. Dr. Taylor dressed the wound.

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